

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR
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You now have a letter directly from
Robert A. Vogeler on his proposed American
Prisoners of Communism, Inc. A suggested
reply is attached.



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Mr. Robert A. Vogeler

Dear Mr. Vogeler:

Thank you very much for your letter of September 19 and its interesting suggestion for the organization of the American Prisoners of Communism, Incorporated, about which Congressman Judd spoke to me recently.

If I have any suggestions respecting the proposal, I shall pass them on to you.

Sincerely,

Signed
ALLEN W. DULLES
Director
Allen W. Dulles
Director

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ROBERT A. VOGELER



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Via Airmail

September 19, 1953

The Honorable Allen Dulles
Department of State
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Dulles:

Congressman Walter H. Judd tells me that he has told you of my interest in forming an organization to be known as American Prisoners of Communism, Inc.

As I see it, there are several necessary jobs for such a group to perform:

1. Help rehabilitate returning prisoners;
2. Counter the "hate-the-progressives" propaganda such as appeared recently in connection with the release of Korean war prisoners, which some columnists like Sokolsky are stirring up;
3. Educate the grass roots to the threat of Communism as it can be simply explained in terms of these men's experience;
4. Strengthen the hand of the Secretary of State by reminding our citizens of the moral reasons for standing firm against the Communist regimes in Red China, the Soviets and the satellites, so long as they use American lives as "blackmail".

I would welcome any suggestions you would care to make.

Sincerely,

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/s/ Robert A. Vogeler

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